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SUBJECT: MBFR: REACTION IN FRG TO REPORT OF PENTAGON
NUCLEAR WEAPONS STUDY-

THE JOHN FINNEY SEPT 23 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON THE
PENTAGON'S TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON STUDY HAS OCCASIONED
AT LEAST TWO FOLLOW-ON ARTICLES IN THE GERMAN PRESS OF
WHICH WE ARE AWARE. A PRINCIPAL POINT IN ONE ARTICLE

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IS THAT AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL OF SUCH WEAPONS MIGHT TEND

TO BREAK THE LINK BETWEEN CONVENTIONAL
DEFENSE IN EUROPE AND THE AMERICAN STRATEGIC DETERRENT.
BOTH ARTICLES ALSO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATION OF THE STUDY
FOR MBFR. FMOD SOURCE
TODAY REITERATED THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE TWO,
WITH THE ARGUMENT THAT THE NEGOTIATION VALUE
OF ANY NUCLEAR OFFER IN MBFR BY THE WEST WOULD BE DIS-
COUNTED BY THE SOVIETS IN VIEW OF THE STUDY AND ITS
PURPORTED RESULT, I.E., A PART OF THE U.S. TACTICAL
NUCLEAR WEAPONS NOW STATIONED IN EUROPE SURPLUS TO
U.S. NEEDS WILL BE UNILATERALLY WITHDRAWN EVENTUALLY.
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